

Geology And Geoheritage Conservation Within Aspiring Geopark Merangin Jambi, Indonesia

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The Merangin is located of central Sumatera at Merangin river covering an area of about 20.606 square kilometer. These rocky tropical legendary islands are rich in geodiversity, many of which have scientific value of national and regional significant. Kerinci is the high land Geopark the region's most complete volcanic geological history and outstanding beauty of tropical island highland landscape. And Merangin area is The Palaebotany of aspiring Geopark contain among others the oldest strata in the region, complete Palaeozoic succession Early Permian, and best sedimentological and palaeontological evidences affiliating Merangin. Merangin geoheritage sites are mostly protected within the Indonesia Government nature conservation concept of Highland Park and Paleobotany Park where rock conservation is equally treated as biological conservation and other nature conservation components. Each of which highlights a unique geology and geological landscape . Conservation area is another large national park (Kerinci Seblat) that is protected by state and geoheritage protected sites . Although a number of natural heritages and national parks exist on 'geological' bases, geodiversity concepts are less concerned about biodiversity due to a lack of recognition. Recently, geotourism linked to geodiversity has been activated in worldwide and geopark programs have been established in many countries. These precedents offer good chances for the use of geoheritage and preservation of geodiversity. Geopark programs can lead to the preservation of geodiversity and public geoeducation through tour of geosites.

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